

## Congregational Profiles

**Throughout 2006 we will get to know each other better as members of New Song Community Church as we profile various members of our congregation in our Sunday morning bulletin. Today we spend some time with Terrell Johnson.**

### Terrell Johnson

The handsome young man you see playing the drums on our altar each Sunday morning is none other than Mr. Terrell Johnson. Terrell wants people to know him as "smart, outgoing, funny, and easy to get along with," all of which are obviously true. And charming. Ms. Susan, his principal when he attended New Song Academy, says "he always could use that smile of his to charm his way out of getting in trouble."

Terrell, age 19 (will turn 20 in March), grew up in Sandtown and for the most part grew up at New Song where he has been involved in every program from a young age including the church, Habitat, the Learning Center, and of course New Song Arts where he has excelled in the choirs for many years. Having graduated from New Song Academy and then St. Frances Academy, he is now attending BCCC and majoring in business management. He has already run his own business, along with Danny and Merrell, of designing and selling clothing, and he plans on selling his own clothing line after graduating.

What does Terrell like? Bowling, skating, dancing, "all sports," and shopping, with some of his favorite foods being Chinese food, lasagna, Ms. Mary's chicken casserole, and chicken boxes. He does not like dumplings, violence, or to be mad at people or hold grudges. He wants to see Sandtown get better, to see less guns and drugs, but he says "it's only going to get better if the people out there want it to get better."

Terrell trusts God and prays "a lot, having conversations with God while walking down the street or before going to sleep." He feels "that my faith could be better, but I don't want to rush it but to grow at God's pace. I do not want to be fake with my faith." He loves New Song because "it's family and has been there for me my whole life."

Influences on his life include "the Tibbels, the Smallmans, Chakeya Welborn, and most of all my mother and my father." He also says Ryan Diener "has been there for me," hanging out and talking and providing rides.

A few additional tidbits about Terrell Johnson: He has already acted in two films, *Toobie Powers* and *Real Life*, he still returns to the Learning Center to raid Ms. Susan's candy dish, and while it is hard for him to sit still, he can in fact do so if someone sits next to him and scratches his head...

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